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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, <u>Reducing Overhead When Setting Up Multiple Virtual Circuits Using Signaling Protocols</u>, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following entry is checked:

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37 § C.F.R. 1.56 Duty to Disclose Information Material to Patentability

- (a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of an evaluates the teaching of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office; Which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is canceled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of a claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of an existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner described by sections 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applications to carefully examine:
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 - (ii) Asserting an argument of patentability.

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 - (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or procures the application; and
 - (3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.
 - (4) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent or inventor.

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